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(54) Title: HUMAN SIGNAL PEPTIDE-CONTAINING PROTEINS			
(57) Abstract The invention provides human signal peptide-containing proteins (HSPP) and polynucleotides which identify and encode HSPP. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists, and antagonists. The invention also provides methods for diagnosing, treating, or preventing disorders associated with expression of HSPP.			

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International application No

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17, 18, 20
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see additional sheet, subject 1.

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Further defect(s) under Article 17(2)(a):

Continuation of Box 3.

Claims Nos.: 17,18,20

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

INVENTION 1: Claims 1-20 (all partially)

A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.1 and variants having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity therewith; the polynucleotide encoding said polypeptide (as represented by SEQ.ID.135) and variants having at least 90% sequence identity with said polynucleotide; a polynucleotide that hybridizes therewith or a polynucleotide that is complementary thereto; a method for detecting said polynucleotide, an expression vector comprising said polynucleotide; a host cell comprising said vector; a method for producing said polypeptide; a pharmaceutical composition comprising said polypeptide; a purified antibody, agonist or antagonist specific for said polypeptide; and a method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with decreased or increased expression of said polypeptide.

INVENTIONS 2-134: Claims 1-20 (all partially)

Idem as subject 1 but limited to one DNA sequence selected from SEQ.IDs. 136-268 at a time and the corresponding polypeptide, where invention 2 is limited to SEQ.IDs. 136 and 2, invention 3 is limited to SEQ.IDs. 137 and 3, and invention 134 is limited to SEQ.IDs. 268 and 134.

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Information on patent family members

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		JP 11308993 A	09-11-1999
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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PF-0541 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below	
International application No. PCT/US 99/ 14484	International filing date (day/month/year) 25/06/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 26/06/1998
Applicant INCYTE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

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3. ☒ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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☐ None of the figures

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 C12N C07K C12Q G01N A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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